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In re application of: Clemmer et al.

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For: Process for the Preparation of Difluoromethane



Examiner: A. Pryor

Art Unit: 1616

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed October 26, 1999, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 4, line 20, after  $\text{NiCl}_2\text{AlF}_3$ . Insert the following: "A fluorination catalyst comprising zinc or a compound of zinc and a metal oxide, fluoride or oxyfluoride may be used. The metal of the oxide, fluoride or oxyfluoride is at least one of chromium, aluminum, zinc, nickel, cobalt, copper and magnesium, preferably chromium or aluminum."

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 19 and 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 9, 19 and 20 are allowed. Claim 8 is rejected.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8**

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